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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1892.

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1892. [8]

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ARE invested entirely within the British
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They now amount to Seven Millions Sterling,
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payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [25]

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HEAD OFFICE, 5 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1278]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the
Military Authorities that ARTILLERY
PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries
at Stonecutters' Island from the 7th January
till the end of the month, between the hours of
9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, SATURDAYS and
SUNDAYS excepted.
The line of fire will be in Western and South-
Western directions from the Batteries.
All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are
cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,

W. M. GOODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1891. [148]

Intimations.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

DRESS SUITS.

NEWEST MATERIALS, FROM 30, SILK LINED.
A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEEDS AND OTHER SUITINGS
EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, latest style.
EVENING DRESS TIES AND GLOVES.
EVENING DRESS HOSE, SILK, THREAD, and MERINO.
EVENING DRESS SHOES and PUMPS.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1891.

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RESPECTFULLY INVITE INSPECTION OF THEIR VARIED STOCK OF
CHOCOLATES, SHORTBREAD, TOFFIES, &c.
SCOTCH HEATHER, HONEY, &c. per bottle.
OUR SPECIAL LIQUEUR WHISKY.
BRANDY, BEAUTELEAU'S ***
ALE BASS' Read Bros., Bull's Head.
STOUT GUINNESS' Reid Bros., Bull's Head.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1891.

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KEROSENE COOKING STOVES.
KEROSENE WARMING STOVES.
COFFEE MACHINES, TEA MACHINES.
NURSERY SPIRIT LAMPS and KETTLES.
AFTERNOON TEA SPIRIT LAMPS and KETTLES.
TRAVELLERS' SPIRIT LAMPS with UTENSILS.
CHILDREN'S FOOD WARMERS.
SILICATED CARBON FILTERS.
MAGNET'S RAPID FILTER.
The Unbreakable COLONIAL FILTER (filters 1
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Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

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FINEST MUSCATEL TABLE RAISINS, FINEST JORDAN ALMONDS, TURKEY
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CANDIED FRUIT, BUTTER SCOTCH, EVERETT TOFFEE and RUSSIAN TOFFEE,
PUDDING RAISINS, CURRANTS, CANDIED PEELS, ORANGE, LEMON CITRON and
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Owen's Marine Insurance.
Handsome bound Prayer Book.
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New collections of Songs and Dance Music.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1891.

Shipping.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
via INLAND SEA.

THE Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE,"
Captain Parsons, will be despatched as above
on or about THURSDAY, the 7th inst., at Noon,
instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 5th January, 1892. [37]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,
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Captain, Comins, will be despatched as above
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Agents.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1891. [1442]

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"STRATHAVON,"
Captain Smith, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 11th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1892. [150]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK (via SUZ CANAL).

THE Steamship

"SIKH,"
Rowley, Commander, will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about the 12th January, 1892,
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Hongkong, 28th December, 1891. [1256]

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, via OVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, and TOUCHING AT
YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

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City of Peking Thursday 14th Feb.
City of Rio de Janeiro Friday 26th Feb.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
YOKOHAMA on TUESDAY, the 12th January,
at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for
Japan, the United States, and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

From Hongkong, First-Class.

To San Francisco, Vancouver,
Victoria, Esquimaux, New
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Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O.,
Milwaukee, Wis.,
To Liverpool and London \$25.00
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To Havre and Hamburg \$35.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers.

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DESTINATION. 1st Class. 2nd Class. 3rd Class.

Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb. 285.00 201.50 121.50

St. Louis, Mo. 292.50 209.00 129.00

St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn. 292.50 209.00 129.00

Chicago, Ill. 297.50 214.00 134.00

Milwaukee, Wis. 299.50 216.00 136.00

Cincinnati, Ohio 302.50 219.00 139.00

Columbus, Ohio 304.25 221.75 141.75

Detroit, Mich. 304.00 221.50 141.50

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Government officials and their families.

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Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

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Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of
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discount of 10 per cent. from Return Fare.

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Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M.
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be received at the Office until 1 P.M. same day,
all Parcel Packages should be marked to ad-
dress in full value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office in San Francisco, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information in regard to
Freight, apply to the Agents of the Company,
No. 72, Queen's Road Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1891. [1]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
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THE Steamship

"TORRINGTON,"
Captain Terwick, will be despatched as above
on or about the 6th January, 1892, instead of as
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For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 30th December, 1891. [35]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

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"HAILONG,"
Captain Reich, will be despatched for the
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For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 5th January, 1892. [55]

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FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Bark

"MARTHA DAVIS,"
Pendleton, Master, will leave here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1891. [31]

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YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER
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L. MALLORY.
Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [1002]

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Oceanic (via Honolulu), Tuesday, 16th Feb.

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THE Steamship

"BELGIC,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 23rd inst., at
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charged with the revelation of army secrets in the course of a speech delivered in the House in support of a representation advanced by Viscount Tani. There is no doubt that the terms of union could only be agreed upon by the different, and happily or unhappily, clashing parties which make up the Opposition. The Government would be compelled to resign, or in effect appeal to the country. I do not think any observer of current events would deny that the Cabinet is very unpopular. Precisely why, it would be difficult to say, but it is impossible to determine. —N. C. Daily News.

[Since this was written, the Opposition compelled the Ministry to resign, and the Diet is now dissolved. —Ed., H. K. T.]

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

LONDON, December 4th.

The French Government's overtone to the powers for joint diplomatic action at Peking, accompanied by a naval demonstration at the treaty ports, have met with a distinct rebuff from the English and German governments. In diplomatic circles here it is said it needs no special sagacity to discover the French game. Russia has declared her intention to hold aloof from any intervention, but her European ally, acting for her, aims to involve England in hostile treatment of the Chinese Government, with which long England may find it advisable to concert in action against their common enemy. The overtures of France were latently to the Chinese Embassy here, and also to the British Minister to China, whose reply advised independent English action if any be required. This enabled Lord Salisbury to tell France there was no necessity for joint or any other interference in China.

PARIS, December 4th.

The Chinese Minister to France to-day informed M. Ribot, Minister of Foreign Affairs, that the Government of China was confident it would be able to suppress the rebellion now prevailing. The French Government has taken measures to protect its interests and citizens in China, and the Minister of Marine has ordered gunboats to Tientsin, prepared to take whatever action may be necessary.

BERLIN, December 4th.

The epidemic of influenza which has been prevailing in this city for some time past is daily spreading, and the number of persons afflicted with the disease is now very large. It is estimated that over 40,000 persons in Berlin have been attacked with influenza since November 1st. The disease is pronounced of a much more virulent type than that which prevailed two years ago, and many deaths are reported. So widespread have been its ravages that judicial and municipal affairs are interfered with, owing to the illness of many of those connected with the various departments. A similar state of affairs exists in the different public offices. Even the rail-road lines and other concerns have a large number of employees seriously affected. The hospitals are crowded to their utmost capacity. From many parts of the country come reports of widespread suffering from the disease.

LONDON, December 5th.

Slavin and Mitchell are going to America on Wednesday, ostensibly to make a match with Sullivan. Mitchell's object is to force Corbett into a match. Mitchell says he will fight the Californian ten rounds with gloves before any good club or fight in the old style for any amount. Slavin will try to get an early match with Sullivan. If successful he will remain in New York; otherwise return and train for a fight with Peter Jackson.

Admiral Dore has received at Zante from the interior of Africa to the effect that Kima Pasha has arrived at Wadai.

General von Caprivi's speech last week to the German Reichstag has had a distinctly favorable effect. Continental comments on it, French excepted, are nearly all in one vein. It is reckoned a speech for peace. The German press resents mildly enough Von Caprivi's attacks, but the mildness is a matter of necessity when a journalist may be sentenced to six months' imprisonment for what are called "insulting comments" on the German Emperor. This is what yesterday's Berlin Journal in Munich. But Germany and Europe care for is not the more or less strained relations between the Chancellor and the press, but the prospects of continued peace, and these are improved by General von Caprivi's speech.

A dispatch received to-day from Peking says the report that missionaries in certain parts of the disturbed districts abandoned their stations and sought safety in flight is not true, at least so far as the Catholic priests are concerned. The priests believe they have no reason to fear ill treatment, and even admit they have left their stations at their own choice. The dispatch further says Viceroy Li Hung Chang, who is moving with all possible promptitude to put an end to the troubles, is massing his forces in the direction of Manchuria, and that his object is to make a forward movement against the enemy, and, if possible, surround them. The Mongolians are furious over the murder of their prince, not only against the actual murderer, but against the whole body of rebels, and threats of vengeance are freely made. It is thought here that if the Mongolians stand to avenge the murder of their prince the Imperial troops will have little work to do in Manchuria.

A Times dispatch from Singapore says that the Emperor of China has commenced to study English arithmetic. Lemaire, the French Minister to China, is renewing his demands upon the Peking Government for granting commercial contracts for the supply of railway material. He intimates that relations between France and China cannot go on smoothly unless the demands are conceded. The Tsung-li Yamen is urging Li Hung Chang, the Viceroy, to pacify Lemaire.

PARIS, December 5th.

The investigation of the murder of Barnabas Dillard, the mother of a high official in the Ministry of War, who was found yesterday with her throat cut, revealed the fact that the maid, whose throat was also cut, came upon the murderer while he was doing his bloody work. She entered the room of her mistress and saw her lying on the floor with the murderer standing over her. The man grasped the maid before she could escape and attempted to kill her to prevent her giving the alarm. The man who committed the crime was evidently in search of plunder.

NEW YORK, December 5th.

The Herald's Valparaiso correspondent cables the following: "The English idea that our navy is inferior to that of Chile is absurd. The Chilean warships are not fully manned. The *Emerald*, the *Pinto*, and the *Erasmus* are the only Chilean warships worthy of the name. The *Cochran* and the wooden ships are antiquated constructions. The *Cochran* is unable to steam over six and a half knots an hour.

Unless the Chilean warships were under the protection of the forts at Valparaiso, the only forts in Chile properly fortified, four of Uncle Sam's vessels could destroy the whole fleet. The presence of a fleet of our ships in Chile's waters would undoubtedly have a very desirable effect on affairs here. There is no doubt that the action of our Congress relative to Chile is anxiously looked for in official circles in this country.

The *Journal*, Paris special says a curious story has just come to light concerning Prince Hatzfeldt and has caused much amusement in certain circles in Paris where the Prince is well known. It appears that during his recent visit to Switzerland he refused to pay a hotel bill which he considered exorbitant, and as he was going away in anger at the impudence of the landlord he was arrested and held by the authorities until his wife settled with the hotelkeeper.

ROME, December 5th.

In the Deputies to-day in debate on the Government's ecclesiastical policy, the violent remarks of the socialist leader, Cipriani, led to so great an uproar that the presiding officer was obliged to suspend the sitting.

On resumption, ex-Premier Crispi declared that while in office he caused the law of guarantees to be strictly observed. Still, he did not regard it as a statutory law. However, it was in itself a good law. He was not that the Vatican came forward, so to say, as a pretender, and thus rendered it dangerous. Referring to the Dreibund, Crispi said Italy must defend herself on her own resources, concluding with the declaration: "If war breaks out it will be universal, and we to those who are unprepared."

Premier Rudini, in reply, stated it was impossible to doubt that Italy was perfectly able to protect herself.

BRUSSELS, December 5th.

The Belgian chargé d'affaires at Peking reports that out of the number of Belgian missionaries stationed in China seven are missing.

A dispatch was received to-day from a missionary in Mongolia stating that the missionaries in that country are safe.

LIMA (Peru), December 6th.

It is reported here that in case of war with Chile the United States would support Peru, and that it would be easy to form an alliance with Bolivia.

PARIS, December 6th.

Further investigation into the mysterious murder of the Baroness Dillard shows that no property whatever is missing, so that if the murderer's object was plunder he was failed. The Chinese and the Minister of Marine has ordered gunboats to Tientsin, prepared to take whatever action may be necessary.

REPORT OF A TERRIBLE MINING DISASTER COMES FROM ST. ETIENNE, in the department of the Loire. An explosion of fire-damp occurred at noon to-day in one of the numerous coal pits of that region, and many workers were unable to escape from the mine.

MIDNIGHT.

It has been ascertained that seventy-three miners perished. The lives, children and relatives of the entombed miners surround the mouth of the pit and the most heartrending scenes are witnessed as the bodies of victims are brought to the surface.

If the accident had happened on an ordinary working day instead of a *fete* day the loss of life would have been much greater. The rescuers were greatly harassed in their work by the collapsed galleries, which prevent access to the imprisoned men. The first miners taken out, eight in number, were reinterred.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 6th.

The rumor is current here that a fresh plot has been discovered among the officers of the army to depose the Sultan. A number of arrests are said to have been made, among them being his Majesty's aide-de-camp General Mehmed Danad Pasha, and the Sultan's son-in-law and first aide-de-camp, who will now be sent into exile.

Before the troops left the barracks yesterday to attend the ceremony of the "Selanik" all the soldiers were searched to see if they had been furnished with ball cartridges.

ROME, December 6th.

The new commercial treaties between Italy and Germany and Austria have been signed here.

BERLIN, December 6th.

The German and Austrian commercial treaty has been signed in Vienna. The remaining treaties will be signed during the coming week. They were discussed by the Bundesrat yesterday. There is no doubt that the Reichstag will ratify the treaties. America will derive the greatest advantage from them.

An artist named Heiligendorf was sentenced on Saturday to eight months' imprisonment for cracking a joke about the passion the nine-year-old Crown Prince has for sporting a sword. This is about as bad as the eleven months' sentence imposed upon a poor fellow in Breslau for talking disparagingly of the linen used by the youngest son of the Emperor. That poor princeling, by the way, will probably not outlive the winter. He can hardly keep down any food, and his physicians have nearly given up hope of preserving his life. A consultation was held on Saturday at which it was decided that the patient's condition is critical and that heroic remedies must be applied at once.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 7th.

News of a small colliery disaster in Minsk, in Russian Poland, has been received here. An explosion of fire-damp took place while the mine was in full operation, and few of the workmen succeeded in escaping. The loss of life is estimated at 180. Little can be done toward reaching the bodies, as the shaft was badly damaged and the workmen are believed to have been killed in many places.

PARIS, December 7th.

It has now been ascertained beyond all doubt that the mine disaster was due to the action of the manager of the mine, who ordered the ventilating apparatus to be stopped. He had received no authority from the engineer. Fifty bodies have been recovered, six being alive.

News of the signature of a commercial convention between Germany and the United States has made a deep impression. People here are asking each other whether Germany, who has already signed treaties of commerce with Austria and Italy, and who is on the point of contracting others with Belgium and Switzerland, intends to combat French trade interests wherever she meets them.

The prevailing opinions on certain points have been succeeded by a wide-spread feeling of disquietude. In political circles peace is not thought nearly as probable as it was lately. According to reports which the French Government has received from its agents in England is taking a lively interest in the project of the Radicals in favor of the abolition of the Concordat. On making inquiries regarding the reasons for this curious fact the Government has ascertained that England is equally interested in the attack on the Vatican. It would seem that England still expects to derive profit from the crisis which might lead the Pope to take refuge in Malta.

While avoiding all official interference in the matters at issue she is working by secret and indirect means to bring about this crisis, but she is wasting time. The departure of the Pope from Rome is not within reasonable distance, and if it did occur would do no good to England. Out of eighteen archbishops and sixty-seven bishops throughout France only one refrained from open adhesion to the Archbishop of Aix against the Government in the matter of the decree forbidding the bishops to leave their dioceses without permission.

RIO JANEIRO, December 7th.

President Pezotto to-day issued a manifesto declaring the members of Dictator Fonseca's Government traitors to the Constitution.

LONDON, December 7th.

The Government agreement for the negotiation

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tion of the Bank of Portugal signed on Friday is expected to strengthen the credit of the country. The Minister of Finance announced to the Cortes that he believed a metallic currency would be restored in Portugal before March next.

PARIS, December 8th.

In the debate on the naval estimates in the Deputies to-day, Bary, Minister of Marine, said that the building of ships for the navy continued with unabated activity and within ten years eighty-one ships would be built, including six ironclads and fifty swift cruisers.

Next year the navy would have over 200 torpedo boats. France, he said, was the only nation that had solved the problem of submarine navigation and would soon possess a submarine navy that would give results as yet unattained. New quickfiring guns with effectiveness superior to anything ever before achieved had also been added to the armaments of the Republic. In view of the extent of her preparations and her readiness for war of France ought to feel secure, he said. The speech was received with enthusiastic applause.

The body of Dom Pedro was removed to the Church of St. Madeline to-day. The interior of the coffin is lined with white satin; the outer covering is of black, dotted with white silver stars. A pane of glass in the lid allows the face to be seen. The inscription on the coffin-plate is in Latin and is a tribute to the deceased as a ruler and a saint. An immense canopy lined with silver hangs from the church roof, and the walls are draped with crape.

LONDON, December 8th.

The private bank of Sir James Watson, Dawson & Co. of Colchester, suspended to-day. They expect to pay liabilities in full.

It is announced to-night that the bank will reopen to-morrow.

At Heaton, Nottingham, to-day, a man strangled his wife and then committed suicide by drowning himself in a cistern. No reason is given for his action.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 8th.

A fire broke out in Moskatelskaya street this evening, and is still burning fiercely. Several chemical warehouses have been destroyed.

VIENNA, December 8th.

Six of the leading states of Austria and Hungary have been dispersed on account of the reaction of feeling caused by the recent turf scandals.

GBRAITAR, December 8th.

The United States steamer *Petrel*, bound from New York to join the American squadron in Chinese waters, has arrived here.

PARIS, December 9th.

The French Consul at Rio Janeiro has been instructed by his Government to demand reparation for the killing of twelve Frenchmen at the time of the recent uprising.

In the Senate to-day M. Dide, a Protestant clergyman, interpellated the Government on the attitude of Catholic bishops. Fallieres, Minister of Justice and Public Worship, said that the provisions of the Concordat were amply sufficient to recall the clergy to a sense of the respect they owe the Constitution. Should these provisions prove inadequate the Government would ask Parliament to authorize other measures.

Premier de Freycinet said that the Government would never allow it to be said that it pretends not to be under the authority of the Executive in temporal matters. If the separation of church and state should become a necessity it would be the fault of the clergy themselves. By a vote of 211 to 79 the Senate adopted the order pledging the Government to avail itself of its rights to compel the clergy to respect the republic and submit to the law.

An event of incalculable importance has just occurred in Europe. Germany has signed a treaty of commerce with Austria and Italy, hostile to France and Russia. The vast commercial union, of which Germany is the inventor and pivot, and to which her allies are the first adherents, has been strengthened by the admission of Switzerland and Belgium, who have signed treaties with Germany and Austria. Negotiations have also been begun between Austria and Turkey, Bulgaria, Rumania and Servia.

Germany is negotiating with Holland, which has made proposals to Belgium, and Belgium will soon have signed treaties with Denmark and Germany. The latter country has moreover already made advances to Denmark and Turkey.

This Zollverein will thus embrace the whole of Europe, except France, Russia, England, Sweden, Norway, Spain, Portugal and Greece, and Spain is on such bad terms with France that she will, no doubt, soon adhere to a new league and grave fears are still entertained lest England should do likewise, if her interests demand it.

Such are the plain facts with which the French Parliament finds itself confronted at the close of the debate on the tariff. It is thanks to our protectionists that Belgium has joined the Zollverein, and that Spain may imitate her. By her treaty with the United States, Germany is assured a market for her sugar. Her object in the present movement is to develop her industries. She will now be able to exchange a better way against the industries of France, which she now has to combat by fraud and adulteration. Bismarck once said: "France must have her industrial Sedan." It begins to look as though the ex-Chancellor's prophecies had been realized, and as politics are less a matter of sentiment than of interest and the interests of most European Powers bind them to Germany, it must be feared that by our own fault we have lost three-quarters of the benefit derived from the *entente* with Russia.

BERLIN, December 9th.

The Reichstag to-day, after a lively debate, carried by a large majority the motion fixing to-morrow as the time for debate on the question of ratification of the new commercial

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ties between Germany and Austria, Germany and Italy and Germany and Belgium. Caprivi expects to secure a ratification of the treaty before Christmas. Caprivi will open the discussion on the treaty. Ratification is being opposed by thirty members, led by Herr Mubach, a Conservative. The *Hamburger Nachrichten* advises an exhaustive examination of the treaties in committees. Bismarck definitely states that he will not attend the debate.

The German Conservative organs condemn the Zollverein. The *Post* urges the desirability of a cautious policy. It considers that the Conservative prospects of success in the next general election are now far from favorable. Austrian opinion is enthusiastic as regards the effect of the treaty in cementing the political and commercial union of the two countries, but complaint is made, especially by Hungarian journals, that the concessions obtained by Austria-Hungary are altogether too small.

In a speech to-night Von Caprivi, referring to French attacks on the Zollverein, said they were only serving to cement the league of peace. He avoided the question about the pending reciprocity agreement with the United States, but conveyed the impression that he thought the favorable nation clause under the Clay treaty not valid now without a fresh agreement based on mutual concessions.

An idea of the extent of the ravages of influenza in this city may be gathered from an article in the *Medizinisch Wochenschrift*. During the past week there have been 40,000 cases of the disease in Berlin. The death rate here from influenza is not high. Residents of Hamburg have become almost panic-stricken over the wide prevalence of the disease in that city. The epidemic there is particularly virulent in its nature. Statistics there show that during the past week deaths have been eighty above the average, due entirely to influenza and its attendant complications.

VIENNA, December 9th.

In some Russian famine districts priests refuse to marry persons who have no means of subsistence. Disease is rife among the famishing people, and thousands have taken to mendicancy and robbery. Hundreds of children are dying of starvation.

The Reichstag to-day referred the Zollverein treaties to a committee.

LONDON, December 9th.

The *Standard's* Vienna correspondent says: Here the public regards the Zollverein with less enthusiasm than the press. It is recognized that Italy will profit most by the arrangement, then Germany, then Hungary.

The *Times* to-day publishes a dispatch from its Santiago, Chile, correspondent, stating that insulting Notes were written to the Government by United States Minister Egan, and his own telegram to his Government have caused a proposition to be made, that Chile suppress her legation at Washington. This proposition was discussed at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives last night, but the Government declined to support the proposal.

The *Times* in its issue this morning gives prominence to an official communication from the Turkish Embassy in this city, emphatically denying the report sent out by Dalziel's News Agency to the effect that a plot against the Turkish Government had been discovered in Constantinople and that a number of officers had been placed under arrest for connection with it.

DUBLIN, December 9th.

George Brown, a Fenian, convicted of taking a prominent part in the rising of 1877 and afterwards amnestied, died to-day.

BUCHAREST, December 9th.

A new Cabinet has been constituted. M. Cargail is Prime Minister and M. Havary, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

ROME, December 9th.

The Pope has given an audience to Bishop Nicolai and a number of Canadian pilgrims.

CHRISTIANIA, December 9th.

The elections for members of the Storthing, the Norwegian Parliament, which began in October last, are now completed and have resulted in a great victory for the Liberal-Radical party of the Left. Of a total of 114 members the Left has 63, the Right 37 and the Moderates 14.

TO-DAY'S Advertisements.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above-named Lodge will be held in the FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th instant, at 8 for 9.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1892.

Advertisements.

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FINAL CALL ON NEW ISSUE SHARES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors of the Hongkong & China Gas Company, Limited, have resolved to make a FINAL CALL of £2 10/- per Share upon the NEW ISSUE SHARES (upon which the amount of £7 10/- is at present paid).

This Call will become payable in Hongkong on or before MONDAY, the 8th day of February, 1892, after which date unpaid calls will be liable to interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

By Order, F. W. CROSS, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th January 1892.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" will be on sale at the Hongkong and Victoria Hotels, opposite the Hongkong Club, and at Pender's Wharf, EVERY EVENING from 5.30 to 7.30 o'clock.

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Hongkong, 14th October, 1891.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY.

ADVERTISEMENTS for the HONGKONG DIRECTORY will be received up to SATURDAY, the 9th January.

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Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 537.

WITH reference to Government Notification No. 514 of the 9th December, 1891, notice is hereby given that the time for receiving SEALED TENDERS for the purchase of the OPIUM FARM has been extended to the 19th January, 1892, the tenders already received not being considered satisfactory.

By Command, W. M. GOODMAN, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st December, 1891.

THE PUBLIC PROTECTION FUND.

NOTICE TO SYMPATHISERS.

AS there appears to be some misunderstanding respecting subscriptions to the above Fund I have to state that I shall be happy to receive any sum which friends, sympathisers and supporters of Mr. R. FRASER-SMITH may feel disposed to contribute towards defraying the damages and costs incurred by the defendant in the recent libel suit, *Mitchell v. Fraser-Smith*.

CHESNEY DUNCAN.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1892.

THE LABUK PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A N EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1892, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of considering the financial position of the Company.

Shareholders are particularly requested to attend or to send proxies.

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GEO. P. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1891.

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JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.
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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1892.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 525.

A N EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of the above Chapter, will be held in the FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY, the 9th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1892.

VICTORIA PRIORY.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the VICTORIA PRIORY will be held in FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY, the 11th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1892.

ST. JOHN LODGE, OF HONGKONG, No. 512, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 12th instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

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